

cause the problem. I think the Chicago Northwestern caused it. And so I...the letter, after I got a chance just to sit down and read that, really caused me some problems that I'm not sure I know where we should go from here other than if you ever do get the Appropriations Committee, at least in my dealing with Senator Moore and the Appropriations Committee, that's the least of your problems, they're kind of a cream puff and I don't think you have a whole lot of trouble about getting maybe 12 to 20 million out of them for restoration and at least at this point in the session. And so maybe we can go another day or two. I think Senator Moore has got a little money saved back just in case the dam did break that was Senator Robinson's proposal, the finger in the dike, never had to take the finger out because Senator Moore has got a little money laying around, maybe if we do get this bill, we can restore it all at the same time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wickersham, one additional question, if I may.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Another thing that has concerned me in considering this matter is the matter of the environment and environmental audits and the liability under the federal laws of owners for cleanups. You know, this Legislature went through a very serious proposition earlier and we ended up subsidizing small gas station owners for cleanups and the fund shows that those cleanups, even at the little gas stations, are a 100, 200,000, 300,000 a shot. It wouldn't take very much of this to bring a railroad on a shoestring down, and I am wondering, first of all, is there any requirement in the bill or, alternatively, is there any intention upon the council or the council's part to have an environmental audit done first before we put the money down on this trackage?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, that is in Section 19 of the bill, and it provides that the council, when they are considering whether to approve, recommend acquisition, revitalization, et cetera, that they have a list of considerations and one of those is potential environmental liabilities. That would be on page 17, Section 19, at line 17 and 18.